

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes  
December 16, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

*Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.*

**Attendance**

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Judi Maki, Sarah Ryterband, and Joe VanDeventer

Others in Attendance: Arturo Rodriguez, Leonice Santamaria, Chris Sturbaum (City Council District 1), Malcom Webb, Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order** (~5:30 PM)
- II. Approval of Minutes** – October 26, 2015. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Cibor seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed 6-0.
- III. Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor reported that several projects went out for bid and were awarded contracts (Clarizz Blvd. handicap ramp replacements, Fairview St. sidewalk, Kinser Pk. sidewalk, and W. Bloomfield Rd. sidepath and signal projects). Information about each project is available on the City's website. There were no other reports.
- IV. Public Comment** - none.
- V. Reports from Staff**
  - A. Title 15 Update** - Mr. Robinson said staff had prepared a package of Title 15 amendments for the City Council and thanked the Commission for their past efforts on these recommendations. Staff learned that a Council representative will introduce an amendment to the no turn on red at the Indiana Ave. and E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. intersection, which the Commission had supported. The City Council will take final action tonight on the package of Title 15 amendments.
- VI. Old Business** - none
- VII. New Business** –
  - A. Revise no parking area to allow parking on a paved pull-off area located at 2401 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.** – Mr. Nickel provided background information on this previous traffic inquiry heard in October. He explained that staff met with parking enforcement and staff has proposed a revised no parking area to allow approximately one parking space for East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He also explained this area is within the Zone 3 Residential Permit Parking Zone and if approved, a residential parking permit will be

required to park here. Commission members mentioned the narrow width of the road and if the parking area would hinder emergency or sanitation trucks from turning around. Mr. VanDeventer said large vehicles typically back out in these situations. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. VanDeventer seconded to approve the recommendation as presented and forward it to the City Council. The motion passed 6-0.

#### **VIII. Traffic Inquiries**

##### **A. No parking zone – N. Fairview Street on the east-side of the street**

**between W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the east-west alley** – Mr. Robinson provided an overview and explained that the Commission originally heard the request this past summer. Because the property owner was out the country, staff is bringing it back for reconsideration. Staff showed photos and distributed a letter from the property owner that were not included in the meeting packet. Mr. Cobine asked staff to restate the impetus behind this request. Mr. Robinson explained it started from an enforcement issue over private no parking signs posted along Fairview where parking is legally permitted. Ms. Santamaria provided her general experience living here over 39 years and dealing with parking impacting her private property and concerns over limited vehicle access with parking along both sides of Fairview. She said her no parking signs were effective. Mr. Sturbaum said they brought this issue to the Near Westside Neighborhood Association and they support this request. He feels this request is a reasonable solution to a unique situation with the narrow street and a busy restaurant nearby. Discussion ensued. Staff was directed to prepare a no parking request, but to contact the restaurant and adjacent property owners, look at other similar streets in the neighborhood, consider a larger stretch of parking regulations along Fairview, and identify any actions a private property owner can do in lieu of formal parking regulations.

##### **B. Convert an alley to one way northbound traffic direction – north/south alley located between W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (north) and W. Kirkwood Avenue (south) and N. Jackson Street (west) and N. Rogers Street (east).**

Mr. Nickel provided the background information included in the packet. The nature of the request is based on the concerns of speed and volume not typical of most alleys. Mr. Rodriguez lives near the alley and is concerned because of the poor sight lines, higher speeds, and high traffic volumes from both Salvation Army visitors and people avoiding the traffic signal at Rogers Street and Kirkwood Avenue. He sees many close calls with pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles using the alley. Discussion ensued. Staff was directed to evaluate sight line issues, determine if there are any other one way alleys in the city, and look at other possible traffic control solutions.

#### **IX. Adjournment (~6:25 PM)**

*Next meeting – January 27, 2016*